GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:329
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Crime by Juveniles
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of crime by Juveniles/minors are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including rape, sexual harassment, hooliganism, circulation of fake currency notes, etc.;

(c) whether poverty is also one of the major reasons behind the increase in such crimes and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received suggestions from various quarters for monitoring the activities of juveniles released from juvenile homes and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken in this regard; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by the Government to check such cases including awareness programmes for minors and wean them away from criminal activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*329 FOR 22.12.2015

(a) to (b): A total of 31,973 cases, 35,861 cases and 38,565 cases were registered against juveniles in conflict with law under various cognizable crimes Indian Penal Code and Special & Local Law during 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively. The State/UT wise cases registered is enclosed at Annexure − I.

(c): As per the available information, 52.8% (21,049 out of 39,822), 50.2% (21,860 out of 43,506) and 55.6% (26,809 out of 48,230) juveniles belonging to the families having annual income upto Rs. 25,000/- were apprehended during 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively. The State/UT wise number of juvenile apprehended as per their economic status is enclosed at Annexure − II.

(d) to (e): The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and Central Model Rules, 2007 framed there under focus on rehabilitation and social reintegration of children to help them in restoring their dignity and self-worth and mainstreaming them through rehabilitation within the family where possible, or otherwise through alternate care programmes; long-term institutional care is to be the last resort.

According to Rule 50 (12)(a), an individual care plan is to be prepared for every child in an institution within one month of his admittance by the officer in charge, counselor along with the child welfare officer or case worker or social worker.

The monitoring of the individual care plan is to be undertaken by the Management Committee of the institution set up under Rule 55.

Rule 65 gives elaborate procedure for restoration and follow-up of such juvenile. The Rule also provides for a follow-up plan to be prepared as part of the individual care plan by the Child Welfare Officer or Probation Officer or NGO assigned by the Board to assist in restoration of the juvenile.

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Section 44 of the Juvenile Justice Act and Rule 38 also provide for After Care programme for care of juveniles after they leave special home with the objective to facilitate their transition from an institution-based life to mainstream society for social reintegration. This programme is available for 18-21 year old persons. The key components of this programme are: (i) Encouragement to learn a vocation or gain employment; (ii) Encouragement to gradually sustain themselves without state support and (iii) Provision for peer counselor to stay in regular contact to discuss rehabilitation plans and provide creative outlets for their energy and to tide over crisis

periods in their life.

Primary responsibility of implementation of the provisions of Juvenile Justice Act, 2000 rests with the State Governments and UT Administrations, however Government of India supplements the efforts of the States/UTs through the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) launched by the Ministry of Women & Child Development.

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